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FUNDS FOR THE EXPANSION OF THERMAL POWER PLANTS IN BIHAR
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has sanctioned Rs.350 crores to Bihar for the expansion of Kahalgaon and Kanmti Thermal Power Stations, for rural electrification and strengthening the transmission and distribution of power system in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which this work is likely to be completed?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED)

(a) to (c) : Planning Commission under Rastriya Samvikas Yojana has sanctioned Rs.365 crores to implement a scheme for improvement of Sub-transmission and Distribution system in Bihar. POWERGRID, a Central Public Sector Undertaking (CPSU) under Ministry of Power, is executing this scheme on behalf of Bihar State Electricity Board (BSEB). POWERGRID is expected to complete the work within 18 months depending on the releases made and on the availability of land by State Government.

Under Accelerated Power Development and Reforms Programme (APDRP), the Government has sanctioned Rs.768.25 crore out of which APDRP component is Rs.384.13 crore to improve the sub-transmission and Distribution System in Bihar. This scheme is executed by State Government. The usual period of completion is two years, however, the utilization of funds depends on the State Governments and the ability of the State Electricity Boards to initiate action to float tenders, evaluate and award the same.

National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) has taken up the expansion of Kahalgaon Thermal Power Station in two stages namely Kahalgaon Super Thermal Power Station Stage-II, Phase-I (2x500 MW) and Phase-II (1x500 MW) with an approved outlay of Rs.4002.28 crores (as of 4th Quarter 2002 price level) and Rs.1866.10 crores (as of 1st Quarter 2003 price level) respectively. Anticipated completion of the project is scheduled in 2006-07 and 2007-08 respectively.

Expansion of another Thermal Power Project at Kanmti, Muzaffarpur (2x250 MW) in Bihar, to be developed by Bihar State Electricity Board, was sanctioned in 1995 by Planning Commission, which however, was not taken up, as financial tie-up could not be finalized. Requisite tie-ups will facilitate implementation of this project.

Approved outlays for Rural Electrification works in Bihar under Minimum Needs Programme (MNP) and Prime Minister Gramodaya Yojana (PMGY) are Rs.68 Crores and Rs.24.17 Crores respectively during the year 2003-04. The utilization of funds by the State Government depends on ability of the State Electricity Board to identify the villages, prepare detailed project reports, procure material and award contracts.